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Chairman of the Council :

COUNCILLOR J. R. OWEN, J.P.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE :

Chairman : COUNCILLOR T. H. B. SILLEY

ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE :

Chairman : COUNCILLOR A. E. CROSSLEY

ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council :

SANDERS LEAR

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF :

Medical Officer of Health and Medical Officer for
Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, and
Port Medical Officer :

†*ROBERT BUSHYER THOMPSON, M.B., Ch.B.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health
and Port Medical Officer :

*†L. INGRAM DUNCAN, M.B., Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector and Inspector of Meat and Foods,
Port Health Inspector, Housing Officer, and
Inspector under the Petroleum and Explosives Acts :

††FRANCIS LAWRENCE GODFREY,
A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

*Part time.

†Whole time.

†Salary contribution by Exchequer Grants.

LIST OF ACTS

Adopted and in Operation in the District.

	Date of adoption.
Private Street Works Act, 1892	}
Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 1890	
Public Health Amendment Act, 1890,	
Part III	
Public Health Amendment Act, 1907 :	
Part VI	16th June, 1914
Sections 25, 26, 30, 32, 33, Part II	}
„ 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, „ III	
„ 58, 66, 67 „ IV	
„ 92, 93, 94 „ X	
„ 82, 83, 84 „ VII	}
„ 91 „ IX	
„ 95 „ X	24th May, 1930
„ 87, 88, 89, 90 „ VII	25th Aug., 1930
„ 23 „ II	28th Oct., 1936
Public Health Act, 1925 :	
Sections 21, 44	30th Sept., 1927
Bye-Laws, New Streets and Buildings (1924)	
„ Pleasure Boats and Vessels (1928)	
„ Tents and Vans	7th Sept., 1931
Brixham Harbour Acts and Orders, 1790-1929	

REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR

THE URBAN DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM

FOR 1938.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting this report, which is prepared in accordance with instructions given in the Circular 1728, issued by the Ministry of Health, I have, as far as possible, followed the lines of previous reports, except that the details are tabulated in the new form.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

A new "Bedford" Ambulance was purchased early in the year, and is maintained by the District Council.

The local branch of St. John's Ambulance Association has undertaken the staffing of the Ambulance, which has been made of good use during the year.

HOSPITALS.

The Brixham Hospital is supported by voluntary contributions, and has accommodation of 19 beds, also 2 private wards for maternity cases.

Isolation Hospital accommodation is provided at Paignton.

NURSING AND MATERNITY SERVICES.

The Nursing Service in the district is provided by the Local Nursing Association, who have two Queen's Nurses working in the area, and this Association also attend to the maternity cases, which are not admitted to the local Hospital.

The County Medical Officer's Staff carry out investigations in Puerperal cases.

There is an Infant Welfare Centre, at which weekly sessions are held, and this is carried on by a committee of the local Council, assisted by voluntary workers. The number on the books being 190. The total number of mothers attending Centre, 1,901; babies, 705; toddlers, 1,785.

Orthopædic treatment is provided by the County Council at hospitals in the County.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District	...	...	...	5,626 acres.
Population, 1931 Census	...	...	...	8,147
„ Estimated to middle of 1938	...	...	...	8,178
Number of Inhabited Houses, 1938 (approx.)	...	...	...	2,450
Rateable Value of District—				
Within Harbour Rating Area	...	...	...	£43,695
Outside „ „ „	...	...	...	£3,252
				Total £47,947
				Sum produced by one penny rate ... £188

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The inhabitants are chiefly engaged in fishing, yachting, and work in connection with the Coaling Depôt. A number of retired pensioners are now living in the district. There are also several permanent holiday camps. Several steam trawlers continue to work from the port, but the day of the sailing trawlers is almost over at Brixham.

VITAL STATISTICS, 1938.

LIVE BIRTHS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate ...	43	43	86
Illegitimate	—	6	6

48	49	92
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Rate per 1,000 of the
estimated resident
population ... 11.35

STILL BIRTHS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate ...	5	4	9
Illegitimate	—	1	1

5	5	10
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Rate per 1,000, total
live and still births
... .. 98.0

DEATHS.

Male	Female	Total.	} Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 14.56
60	58	118	

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age—

	Male.	Female.	Total.	} Rate per 1,000 of the live & still births, 29.4
Legitimate ...	2	1	3	
Illegitimate	—	—	—	

Deaths from Puerperal Causes—

Puerperal Sepsis ...	...	—	} Rate per 1,000 live and still births ... 9.8
Other Puerperal Causes ...	...	1	

CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1938 (As supplied by Registrar General)

Group No.	Disease	Male	Female	Total	Under 1 year	1 & under 2	2 & under 5	5 & under 15	15 & under 25	25 & under 45	45 & under 65	65 & upwards
1	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever ...											
2	Measles ...											
3	Scarlet Fever ...											
4	Whooping Cough											
5	Diphtheria ...											
6	Influenza ...											
7	Encephalitis											
8	Cerebro Spinal Fever ...											
9	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	1	2					1	1		
10	Other Tuberculosis											
11	Syphilis ...	1		1								1
12	G.P.I. (Tabes Dorsalis) ...	1		1							1	
13	Cancer ...	16	20	36						3	15	18
14	Diabetes ...		1	1								1
15	Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c. ...	5	2	7							1	6
16	Heart Disease ...	10	6	16					1	1	2	12
17	Aneurysm ...											
18	Other Circulatory Diseases ...	3	2	5							2	3
19	Bronchitis ...	2	2	4							2	2
20	Pneumonia (all forms) ...	4	1	5			1				1	3
21	Other Respiratory Diseases ...	2	1	3							1	2
22	Peptic Ulcer ...											
23	Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...		1	1					1			
24	Appendicitis ...											
25	Cirrhosis of Liver											
26	Other liver disease											
27	Other digestive diseases ...		1	1							1	
28	Acute and Chronic Nephritis ...	1		1								1
29	Puerperal Sepsis											
30	Other Puerperal Diseases ...		1	1						1		
31	Congenital debility Premature birth etc. ...	2		2	2							
32	Senility ...	3	7	10								10
33	Suicide ...	2	1	3					1	1		1
34	Other Violence ...	2	1	3					2	1		
*35	Other ill-defined diseases ...	4	10	14	1			2		1	3	7
36	Ill-defined (or not known) disease ...	1		1								
	Diarrhoea (over 2 years) ...											
*	Special Causes ...											
	Incl'ded in No.35 ab'v'e											
	Smallpox ...											
	Polio-myelitis ...											
	Polioencephalitis											
Total All Causes		60	58	118	3		1	2	6	9	30	67

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Pneumonia	...	...	...	25
Erysipelas	...	...	...	8
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	7
Diphtheria	...	...	...	
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	1
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum			...	1
Dysentery (Sonne Bacillus)			...	4

Admitted to Isolation Hospital—
Scarlet Fever, 7 cases.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respirator	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0								
1								
5								
15				1				
25			1	1				
35	1			1	1	1		
45			1	1				
55		1						
65 and upward								
Totals	1	1	2	4	1	1		

BRIXHAM RAINFALL, 1938.

				Inches
January	...	...	...	5.61
February	...	...	...	1.40
March	...	...	...	.13
April	...	...	...	.08
May	...	...	...	2.97
June	...	...	...	.92
July	...	...	...	4.04
August	...	...	...	6.63
September	...	...	...	1.85
October	...	...	...	4.87
November	...	...	...	8.23
December	...	...	...	4.38

Total 41.11

Average for last ten years ... 41.23 inches

By the courtesy of Sir Harold Clayton, to whom
my best thanks are due.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

R. BUSER THOMPSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the Year ending 31st, December, 1938.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith present my Thirteenth Annual Report.

HOUSING.

During the year 42 houses have been completed by private enterprise. Two houses have been demolished under the Housing Acts.

There is still a demand for small houses for the working class at rents commensurate with the wages of the district. There are number of vacant houses, but in most cases the rents asked are too high for the lower paid worker.

Plans for ten houses are under consideration by the Ministry, to accommodate some of the tenants of the houses in a clearance area. Considerable re-conditioning has been carried out in a number of other properties. No houses under the Housing Rural Workers Acts or Housing Financial Provision Acts have been re-conditioned or erected during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICES.

The Collection and Disposal of Refuse is carried out under the supervision of the Surveyor. Refuse is collected twice weekly, and disposed of by the controlled tipping method at land recently purchased by the Council at Sharkham.

Considerable improvement has been made in street cleansing in the district, and additional litter baskets have been provided at the open spaces.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

The production of clean milk has shown a little improvement, but it is still very apparent that the majority of producers have yet to learn that graded milk

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means more money, if one can judge by the number in the district who have endeavoured to become T.T. or Accredited Producers. There are two T.T. and two Accredited Producers registered.

Three farms have been re-conditioned during the year under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926. There is, however, still room for improvement in the handling of milk both at production and delivery, and in this direction the public could materially assist by demanding clean containers, and returning them clean to the retailers.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

The five slaughter-houses have been maintained in a good state of repair, and regularly cleaned. Water supplies from the town supply are available at all the premises. Frequent inspections are carried out, and there has been no cause for complaint as to their condition.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND FOODS.

All premises used for the preparation of food are inspected at regular intervals. The general condition of these premises has improved during recent years, and the persons engaged in the work are realising that a high standard of cleanliness is very necessary.

FOOD SHOPS STORES, ETC.

These are inspected regularly, and considerable improvements continue to be effected in these premises, and the majority of the premises compare very favourably with large towns in respect of their construction and methods of handling food.

BAKEHOUSES.

Regular visits are made to the bakehouses in the town, and all have been maintained in clean condition. Details of inspections of all premises where food is prepared and offered for sale will be found in the summary of this report.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

The new conditions imposed by the Factories Act, 1937, have been supplied to all owners and occupiers of

factories, etc., in the district, and steps are being taken to bring their premises up to the standards required by the Act, where necessary.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION.

Cases of infectious diseases are accommodated at Paignton Isolation Hospital, when necessary.

Seven cases have been admitted during the year, all of Scarlet Fever.

Disinfection of all bedding, etc., is also carried out at the hospital, by arrangement.

Houses in which infectious diseases have occurred are fumigated and sprayed before being again used.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No complaints have been received during the year requiring any action in this respect.

DRAINAGE.

All new drainage is subjected to a smoke test, and the sanitary fittings of new properties approved prior to occupation. The drainage systems of a considerable number of existing buildings have been re-constructed, tested and approved.

SCHOOLS.

The general condition of all the schools in respect of water supplies and sanitation is satisfactory. Minor improvements are being carried out to the offices at two schools.

HOLIDAY CAMPS, BEACHES AND PLEASURE GROUNDS.

Twelve sites have been approved for camping purposes under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, and the estimated number of persons resident at the height of the season is 2,400, this number including those resident in the permanent holiday camps.

Considerable improvements have been carried out in respect of the sanitary accommodation at all the camps on the land recently purchased at Sharkham, at which the District Council contemplates continuing the provision of camping facilities. It is also proposed to erect modern sanitary conveniences, to replace the existing chemical conveniences, also to carry out improvements to the water supply.

The general conduct of persons using all the camps has been satisfactory.

The beaches and bathing stations have been kept in a clean condition, and the employment of assistance to collect litter from the beaches, pleasure grounds, etc., has been well worth the additional expense.

My best thanks are due to the Chairman, Members and Officers of the Local Authority for their help and assistance during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

F. L. GODFREY,

Sanitary Inspector,
Inspector of Meat and Foods,
and Housing Officer.

HOUSING, 1938.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total (including number given separate under "b") :			
I.	By Local Authority	...	0
II.	By other Local Authorities	...	0
III.	By other bodies or persons	...	42
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :			
I.	By the Local Authority	...	0
	(a) For the purpose of Part II of the Housing Act, 1925	...	0
	(b) For the purpose of Part III of the Housing Act, 1925	...	0
	(c) For other purposes	...	0
II.	By other bodies	...	0

HOUSING STATISTICS, 1938.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

1	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	91
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		148
2	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (including under sub-head 1 above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and 1932)	...	47
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		52
3	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	2
4	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	15

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	...	...	25
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

1	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	3
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2	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :		
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(a)	By owners	...	...	3
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(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners			0
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(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

1	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	22
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2	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :		
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(a)	By owners	...	...	22
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(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners			0
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(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

1	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	0
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2	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	2
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(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

1	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	...	0
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2	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement of room having been rendered fit	...	...	...	...	0
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4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV (Overcrowding).

(a)	1. Number of Dwellings overcrowded at end of year	...	...	...	...	15
	2. Number of Families dwelling therein	...				15
	3. Number of Persons dwelling therein	...				97
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	...	...	...	...	2
(c)	1. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	...	...	...	...	3
	2. Number of persons concerned in such cases					19
(d)	Particulars of cases in which Dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.					—
(e)	Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider desirable to report.					—

DETAILS OF PLANS

Submitted and Approved.

Plans approved by the Council during the year 1938.	No.	Com- pleted during year.	In course of erection	No. of Buildings completed during year 1938, plans of which were approved prior to Dec. 31st, 1937.
Detached Dwelling- houses	11	6	3	3
Semi-detached Dwelling- houses	10	6	—	2
Terrace Houses	—	—	—	—
Bungalows	10	12	2	3
Semi-detached Bungalows	36	16	2	6
Flats	2	2	2	2
Public Buildings	2	2	—	—
New Shop Fronts	2	2	—	—
Garages and Stores	9	8	—	1
Additions and Alterations to Existing Buildings...	41	47	—	8
Factories and Workshops	2	2	—	—
Total	92	103	9	25

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTION

*of the District, and Work of the Public Health
Department, 1938.*

HOUSING.

Number of dwelling-houses completed during year 1938 :—

Detached Houses	...	...	...	...	6
Semi-detached Houses	...	...	...	...	6
Terrace Houses	...	...	...	...	—
Bungalows	...	...	...	...	12
Semi-detached Bungalows	...	...	...	...	16
Flats	...	...	...	...	2

Total number of dwelling-houses completed during year 1938	...	...	...	...	42
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Number of houses built during the year for working
classes :—

By Local Authority	...	...	...	...	0
By Private Effort (i.e., houses of £450 and under, inclusive of cost)	...	...	...	...	20

Number of new houses or flats required for working
class ...

Houses inspected	...	...	...	...	91
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Cases of overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	3
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Defective houses repaired	...	...	...	...	65
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„ floors repaired	...	...	...	...	9
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„ roofs repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	12
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„ yards paved	...	...	...	...	8
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„ external plastering repaired	...	...	...	...	15
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„ internal plastering repaired	...	...	...	...	28
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„ windows repaired	...	...	...	...	13
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„ stoves repaired	...	...	...	...	5
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„ coppers repaired	...	...	...	...	2
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Number of houses dealt with under Housing (Rural
Workers) Act, 1926 :

During year	...	...	...	...	0
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Total to date	...	...	...	...	23
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DRAINS AND DRAINAGE.

Extensions to existing sewers during the year :—

Northfield Lane Road, 25 yards (9-in.).

Sewers re-laid during the year :—

Nil.

Drains tested	...	...	...	...	117
Defective drains repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	36
Choked drains cleared	...	...	...	...	30
Certificates issued in respect of drainage of new buildings	...	...	...	...	46
Certificates issued in respect of drainage of existing buildings	...	...	...	...	53
Existing w.c.s fitted with flushing cisterns, or cisterns renewed	...	...	...	...	17
Defective traps removed or replaced with approved stoneware gully traps	...	...	...	...	32
Defective w.c.s repaired	...	...	...	...	9
Automatic cisterns fixed	...	...	...	...	12

The following sanitary fittings have been installed during the year :—

New baths	...	...	...	...	81
W.C.s	...	...	...	...	147
Lavatory basins	...	...	...	...	132
Urinals	...	...	...	...	10
Scullery sinks	...	...	...	...	75
Interceptors	...	...	...	...	77
Septic tanks	...	...	...	...	13
Chemical closets	...	...	...	...	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND DISINFECTION.

Rooms fumigated	...	...	...	...	41
Articles of clothing and bedding disinfected	...	...	...	...	8
Articles of clothing and bedding destroyed	...	...	...	...	15
Rooms disinfected for notifiable infectious disease	...	...	...	...	6
" " " tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	3
" " " verminous condition	...	...	...	...	5
Cases removed to Isolation Hospital	...	...	...	...	7

MILK AND DAIRIES.

Number of cow-keepers and dairymen registered at end of year :—

Producer Wholesalers	...	...	...	...	7
Producer Retailers	...	...	...	...	14
Producer Wholesalers and Retailers	...	...	...	...	4
Retailers	...	...	...	...	16
Number removed from register	...	...	...	...	5
Number of cowsheds in district	...	...	...	...	39
" " without impervious floors	...	...	...	...	3
" " with unsatisfactory drainage	...	...	...	...	2
" " " " ventilation	...	...	...	...	1
" " " " lighting	...	...	...	...	1
" " " " water supply	...	...	...	...	0
Number of visits to dairies, cowsheds, farms, etc.	...	...	...	...	89
Number of samples of milk taken for examination :—	...	...	...	...	
For cleanliness	...	...	...	...	62
For tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	37
For adulteration (taken by County Police)	...	...	...	...	21

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

(Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924)

Number of butchers' shops in the district	...	...	...	...	8
Other food shops and stores	...	...	...	...	92
Number of visits to butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	78
" " other food shops and stores	...	...	...	...	117

Three persons with vans from outside district sell meat in the Urban District.

Inspection of Meat and Foods.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle (exclud- ing cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Totals
Number Killed ...	520	50	80	1530	1200	3380
Number Inspected ...	475	48	75	1482	1119	3199
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis</i>						
Whole carcasses con- demned						
Carcases of which part or organ was condemned	30	3	1	35	24	
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis...	6.3	6.2	1.3	2.3	2.1	
<i>Tuberculosis only.</i>						
Whole carcass con- demned	2	1				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	9				40	
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	2.3	2.0			3.5	

WEIGHT OF UNFIT FOOD DESTROYED.

	Tuberculosis	Other Diseases & Conditions	Total Lbs.
	Lbs.	Lbs.	
Beef	1120	588	1708
Mutton ...			
Pork	413	94	507
Offals	452	469	921
Total	1985	1146	3131

56 lbs. Crabs	}	Unsound
14 lbs. Imported Prawns		Decomposition

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

Number of slaughter-houses in district :—					
Registered	...	...	...	...	3
Licensed	...	...	...	...	2
Public	...	...	...	...	0
Number of visits to slaughter-houses	...	...	...	...	93
Number of visits to premises where emergency or occasional slaughtering is carried out	...	...	...	...	29

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number of noxious or offensive trades in district	...	0
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NUISANCES.

Complaints of nuisances received	...	...	...	34
Informal notices served	...	...	...	21
Statutory notices served	...	...	...	1
Nuisances abated without written notice	...	...	...	3

SCHOOLS.

Number of schools in district :—				
Public	...	...	...	5
Private	...	...	...	3
Number of schools found defective	...	...	...	1
„ „ notices to managers	...	...	...	0
„ „ visits to schools	...	...	...	12

BAKEHOUSES.

Number of bakehouses in district	...	...	...	11
„ „ inspections	...	...	...	23
„ found defective	...	...	...	2
„ of notices to remedy	...	...	...	2

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901
AND FACTORIES ACT, 1937

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.
 Including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.

Number of factories and workshops registered in district 62

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (4)
Factories with mech- anical power ...	21	2	
Factories without mechanical power	37	2	
* Other Premises under the Act (in- cluding works of building & engin- eering construction but not including outworkers' prem- ises	11		
Total	69	4	

*Electrical stations should
be reckoned as factories.

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects			Number of offences in respect to which prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of cleanliness (S. 1) ...	2	2		
Overcrowding (S. 2) ...				
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3) ...				
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	1	1		
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6) ...				
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)—				
Insufficient ...	1	1		
Unsuitable or defective ...	2	2		
Not separate for sexes ...				
Other offences ...				
(Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Section mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937.)				
Total ...	6	6		

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

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| (1) | (a) | Number of Council houses found to be infested | 1 |
| | " | " " " disinfected | ... 1 |
| | (b) | Number of other houses found to be infested | 2 |
| | " | " " " disinfected | ... 2 |
- (2) Spraying with approved insecticide after removing wallpaper, skirtings, etc.
- (3) No action is taken before the removal of tenant's belongings, except inspection by the Sanitary Inspector.
- (4) Work of disinfection is carried out by the Public Health Department.
- (5) Tenants are advised by the Sanitary Inspector as to measures to prevent re-infestation after cleansing.

PETROLEUM AND EXPLOSIVES ACTS.

PARTICULARS OF REGISTRATION.

Number of Licenses granted to store Petroleum Spirit	18
" " " " Carbide of Calcium	1
" " " " Mixed Explosives	10
" " " " Gunpowder and	
Mixed Explosives in Magazines	3
Amount of Storage—	
Petroleum Spirit	... 4,314,720 gallons
Carbide of Calcium	... 1,120 lbs.

November 7th to 12th, 1938

Inspector.

PORT HEALTH DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM.

Details of Shipping

Entering the Port Health District of Brixham, and Record of Inspection for the year ending 31st December, 1938.

I. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE A.

	Number	Net Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number reported to be defective.	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied	Numbers of Orders issued.
			By M.O.H.	By P.S.I.			
Foreign { Steamers ... Motor ... Sailing ... Fishing ...	257	219631	9	17			
	128	6615	2	4			
	123	3417		8			
Total Foreign ...	508	229663	11	29			
Coastwise { Steamers ... Motor ... Sailing ... Fishing ...	357	118274	4	11			
	227	5946	1	3			
Total Coastwise ...	584	124220	5	14			
Total Foreign & Coastwise	1092	354283	16	43			
Brixham Trawlers— Sailing & Auxiliary Motor Steam ... (Inspected periodically)	47						
	6						
	53						

II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT. (Table B).

- (a) Passenger Traffic.
No Passengers have landed or embarked during the year.
- (b) Cargo Traffic.
Principal Imports—building material.
Principal Exports—bunker coal.
- (c) Foreign ports from which vessels arrive.
Various foreign Ports for bunkers.

III. WATER SUPPLY.

- (1) Source of Supply.
Water is supplied direct from the town reservoirs, both to the Port and Shipping.
- (2) Hydrants and hose-pipes are kept in lockers when not in use.
- (3) There is one water boat owned by the Torbay Coaling Co., Ltd., for supplying ships, and this boat is in good condition.

IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1933.

- (1) Declarations of Health are handed to the masters of ships on arrival of the staff of H.M. Customs.
- (2) The boats of the local coaling company are available for boarding vessels on arrival.
- (3) Notification of any vessel requiring special attention is received by H.M. Customs or the local coaling company, and is telephoned to the Public Health office.
- (4) A mooring station for infected vessels is provided at the entrance to the Outer Harbour.
- (5) The Port Medical Officer is prepared to grant the usual standing exemptions for—
 - (a) All other unhealthy vessels other than those included in Articles 12 and 14 (1).
 - (b) Vessels otherwise healthy which have arrived from listed ports in infected areas.

- (6) In cases in which persons have to be notified as proceeding to this area from a vessel on which infectious disease has occurred, it is the practice for the Medical Officer to examine the person on arrival, and at intervals, as required by the regulations.
- (7) (a) A waiting-room is provided on the Pier, where persons could be examined.
- (b) The necessary material for fumigation of cabins, bunks, etc., is provided by the Public Health Dept. Disinfection of clothes or bedding would be carried out at Paignton Hospital by arrangement.
- (c) Temporary accommodation for the purpose of the regulations would be provided at one of the hospitals in the districts.
- (d) Hospital accommodation for Plague, Cholera, etc., is provided by the Devon County Council at Exeter.
- (e) Ambulance transport for infectious cases (d) is provided by the Devon County Council.
- (f) The local Port Medical Officer would be responsible for the supervision of contacts.
- (8) Pathological and bacteriological examinations would be carried out by the County Medical Department.
- (9) Ditto
- (10) Treatment for venereal disease is available at Torquay Hospital Clinic.
- (11) Arrangements for the interment of the dead is made by the local agents for the shipping company concerned, in conjunction with the Port Health Officer.
- (12) Nil.

Table C.—No cases of infectious sickness have been landed during the year.

Table D.—No reports made.

V.—MEASURE AGAINST RODENTS.

- (1) (a) Ships in the Port are inspected for the presence of rats. (b) The quays, wharves and stores are also inspected at frequent intervals.

- (2) Rat guards are fitted to ships.
- (3) (a) Arrangements would be made with Plymouth, if required. (b) Baits are laid in stores, etc.
- (4) Reports received from masters, occupiers, etc.
- (5) Stores built of stone and sheet-iron.

Table E.—No information available.

Table F.—Ditto.

Table G.—Nil.

Table H.—Not an approved Port.

Table J.—No defects notified.

VII.—FOOD INSPECTED.

- (1) No food imports.
- (2) No shell-fish bed or laying in the Port Health District.
- (3) No samples taken.

I wish to express my very best thanks to the Officers of H.M. Customs, The Manager and Staff of the Torbay Coal-ing Co., and the Harbour Master, for their co-operation and assistance.

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